Workshop Agenda – Part 2

- Harden Your Home Against Wildfire and Earthquake
- Become Firewise USA® Certified
Why Embers are Dangerous!

Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety
Harden Your Home Against Wildfire
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Embers, radiant heat and direct flame contact will ignite structures!

➢ Clear combustibles to create 5’ of defensible space around your structure
➢ Limb tree branches 6’ or more up from ground level
➢ Install vent screens to prevent embers from entering
➢ Remove flammables on or under porches and decks
➢ Ensure roof is Class A rated, double-paned windows recommended

OCP&R Guide #09 – Home Hardening for Wildfire
Harden Your Home Against Earthquake
Minimize hazards inside and outside your home!

- Secure appliances, bookshelves, hot water heater, etc.
- Install safety latches on cabinets
- Ensure porches and decks are secured to the house
- Have chimneys frequently cleaned and inspected
- Consider installing an Auto (Seismic) Gas Shutoff Valve
- Have your home inspected by a contractor or engineer certified in seismic work and consider recommended seismic upgrades
Firewise USA®
Become Firewise USA® Certified

- National Fire Protection Association program
- Encourages neighbors to work together on wildfire safety
- May help retain insurance and some companies give a discount
- Becoming a Firewise USA® site is a straight-forward process:
  1. Form small committee, create neighborhood assessment and action plan
  2. Neighbors invest one volunteer hour per home per year on average
  3. Report efforts back to the Firewise USA® program
- www.nfpa.org
In Summary

Prepare your home or building as best as you can against wildfire and earthquake damage

Take preparedness steps one at a time

Anything you do, you are better off than before

Review the OCP&R Guides on the Web site

Reach out to OCP&R with any questions